State Counsellor receives US Senior Diplomat

IN its first year, the five-year National Nutrition Plan will be implemented in Chin State, Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine State, and Kayah State, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Until 21 October, staff from the related departments of the ministries received skills training for charting nutrition plans and implementing them. A ceremony to open the training for drawing the five-year plan (from 2018-19 to 2022-2023) at the region and state level was held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Ministry of Health and Sports is implementing the five-year Multi-sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition (MS-NPAN) 2018-2023, while Myanmar is expanding its vaccination programme, and actively participating as a member country in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement for reducing malnutrition, in accordance with its slogan of “1,000 Days: Change a Life, Change the Future”. The movement covers dissemination of nutrition knowledge in states and regions and nutrition campaigns for pregnant women and children aged under 2. — GNLM

Government staff get training for drawing five-year nutrition plan
Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Associate Professor of City University of Hong Kong

DEPUTY Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein received Dr Renaud Egretreau, the Associate Professor of the Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

MOALI delegation tours Norway fishing industry, fertilizer company

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu and delegation visited the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) during his visit in Norway from 20 to 24 October.

The IMR arranged the visit of Myanmar delegation to promote coordination in fishing industry of the countries, to share knowledge on the management of Norway’s fishing industry and to make closer ties with the major stakeholders in this industry.

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The Union Minister also explained conservation of marine resources in Myanmar, good practices in livestock farming, researches on fish resources in collaboration with neighbouring countries, possible using of new marine research vessel RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen in Myanmar water in 2021, research on continuation of microplastics in water, supports for management based on information, capacity building of staff, improvement of legal frameworks in fishing sector, saltwater livestock, and production of value-added goods.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Dr Renaud Egretreau, the Associate Professor of the Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 51/2019

MEETING 51/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee Secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary U Hlay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw, Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA (Translated by TTN)

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution 51/2019 held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu holds talks with Mr Jon Lomoy, Executive Director of Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) in Norway. PHOTO: MNA

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At 11 am local time on 24 October, the Union Minister and party visited the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), and met with its Executive Director Mr Jon Lomoy to discuss possible research operations with marine research vessel RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen in Myanmar water in 2021, research on continuation of microplastics in water, supports for management based on information, capacity building of staff, improvement of legal frameworks in fishing sector, saltwater livestock, and production of value-added goods.

In that afternoon, they also arrived at Yara International ASA that is a Norwegian chemical company that produces nitrogen fertilizer in Oslo, and is distributing its products to many countries, including Myanmar.

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Senior General separately receives KNU Chairman, NCA-S EAO Group Vice Chairman

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IFER Union Minister receives US Assistant Secretary of State in Nay Pyi Taw

Court martial proceedings begin in Gutabyin incident
Union Information Minister visits movie studios, film institute, archive in Japan

Union Information Minister Dr Pe Myint visits Toho Studios in Tokyo, Japan, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

MOI conducts training course on video reporting

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the opening ceremony of four-day training course on video reporting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

The Ministry of Information conducts a four-day training course on video reporting to upgrade its MOI Web portal that is now presenting the news in texts and photos.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun presided over the opening ceremony of the course held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

He said the ministry is disseminating information by using its media platforms of radio, television, social media, printed newspapers and online news, while its Information and Public Relations Department is managing MOI Web portal.

The Deputy Minister said that MOI is also focusing on social and online media platforms which have become popular among the public in searching news as the number of mobile phone sim cards has outnumbered the country’s population, and most of the 20 million social media users are reading news on mobile phones, with a sharp decline in readership of printed newspapers.

He also said that video reporting will cover news, entertainment programmes, regional traditions and festivals for MOI Web portal.

Then, U Aung Tin Tun, the trainer of the course, introduced video production techniques on smartphones.

Attended by 20 trainees from IPRD, the course will run up to 1 November to train for using smartphone cameras, news writing, editing movie clips on smartphones. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win observes banking sector in Mexico

Under the arrangement of World Bank, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win met with officials from Mexico’s Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and studied operations of development banks in Mexico from 23 to 25 October.

During the observing tour, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win discussed matters related to restructuring of state-owned banks and sector of development banks with Mexico’s Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Credit Mr Jose De Luna Martinez.

Furthermore, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win visited development banks which are paying services for rural development, small and medium enterprises, agriculture and livestock, and infrastructure projects in Mexico. Officials from the banks explained operations of their banks to the deputy minister.

Mexico has started restructuring of its state-owned banks since 2015 under the guidance of Ministry of Finance and Public Credit. Development banks are efficiently providing loans to government-private cooperation projects on infrastructure, rural development, agriculture and SMEs. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)
UEC Chairman U Hla Thein receives IDCPC Director General

Union Defence Minister receives US senior East Asia diplomat

Korea’s NALBAL takes documentary film in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory

Traffic accidents claim over 34 lives in nine months in Sagaing Region

Over 100 traffic accidents were reported in Sagaing Region between January and September this year, according to the Sagaing District Police. The mishaps claimed 34 lives. Twenty-six males and eight females were killed and 123 males and 65 females were injured in 115 traffic accidents in Sagaing, Myinnmu, and Myaung townships in the nine months since January, said Inspector Myo Lwin from the Sagaing District Police. He made the remarks during a road safety and traffic awareness talk, held last Sunday morning at the Sagaing IPRD.

The losses due to the accidents were estimated at K51 million. Last year, 146 traffic accidents in Sagaing, Myinnmu, and Myaung townships led to the loss of 71 lives. A total of 255 people were injured in the accidents. The total losses were more than K38 million, according to data from the District Police.

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NATIONAL ELECTION Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Director General of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (CPC) Ms Sun Haiyan in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

The meeting at the Union Minister’s office in Nay Pyi Taw focused on bilateral cooperation between armed forces of the two countries. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein meets with Director General of Bureau of International Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (CPC) Ms Sun Haiyan in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

During the meeting, they discussed implementation of the 2019-2022 strategic plan for holding the 2020 General Election based on the five norms of independence, impartiality, transparency, credibility and integrity, invitation to local and international observers, capacity building for officials and staff at the various levels of election commission, civic education programme, voter education programme, dissemination of electoral knowledge with the help of civil communities, prevention of hate speech and fake news using social media for the elections and matters related with electoral campaigns. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

FilM production NALBAL based in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, took a documentary film in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory from 26 to 28 October. The NALBAL shot the project of agricultural course and rural development training school jointly implemented by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Myanmar Development Institute (MDI) at Yezin Agricultural University, Upatassanti Pagoda and sunset views.

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The NALBAL shot the scene of interviewing KOICA and Myanmar Development Institute at Yezin Agricultural University.

NALBAL film crew shoot the scene of interviewing KOICA and Myanmar Development Institute at Yezin Agricultural University. PHOTO: MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

96th anniversary of Turkey proclamation marked in Yangon

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein welcomed Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu at the event to mark 96th anniversary of Turkey Proclamation. PHOTO: MNA

TURKISH Embassy in Yangon organized the 96th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey yesterday afternoon. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and wife attended the event held at the Sule Shangri-La Hotel and opened with the national anthems of Myanmar and Turkey. Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu and the Yangon Region Chief Minister extended greetings and cut the commemorative cake for the event before they had photo taken with the attendees.

The ambassador and wife hosted a dinner to honour the heads of foreign missions in Yangon, chargé d'affaires, representatives of UN agencies and the invited guests. —MNA

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Local News

THE 8th Myanmar Int'l Textile and Apparel Accessories Exhibition (MITATEX) and the Myanmar Int'l Textile and Garment Industry Exhibition (MTG) will take place between 1 and 4 November at the Yangon Convention Center, Yangon.

More than 130 textile-related businesses from 13 countries will exhibit their products and machinery at the event.

The expo is mainly being organized by Yorkers Trade and Marketing Service Co Ltd. MITATEX is being jointly organized by the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Textile Manufacturers' Association, and is officially being supported by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The event is set to cater to the huge growth potential over the next five years, driven by exponential growth in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), according to the organizers. The deal aims to cover goods and services, investments, economic and technical cooperation, competition, and intellectual property, and will contribute greatly to Myanmar's textile and garment industry, they added.

MITATEX is being organized concurrently with the MTG, which has been held successfully for 7 editions. Almost 8,000 visitors participated in MTG 2018, and it is a great platform for exhibitors to reach a large proportion of the textile market in Myanmar, according to the organizers.

The trade show commenced in 2012 and now, it has reached its eighth edition. The four-day show will increase access to new machinery and will feature innovative technology.

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Mansaung Bridge expected to be ready in three years in Chin State

A new Maniriver Crossing Bridge (Mansaung Bridge) is planned to be constructed on the main border trade route between Myanmar and India in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, according to the Transportation Ministry of Chin State.

“The construction project will start in December, and the new bridge will be built around 100 feet near the existing bridge (Myanmar suspension bridge). The 557.7 feet long and 30-feet wide bridge will be built of concrete and will have two lanes. The project is expected to be completed in three years,” said U Shwe Thein Oo, the Minister of Road and Transportation for Chin State. The plant will be operated in three shifts. Training courses will also be conducted for employees.

In 2012, the Falam Disaster Control Road Department has been working on the 557.7-foot long and 30-feet wide bridge. The construction of the bridge was damaged by a natural disaster in 2015, the Falam District Road Department has been allowing only 16 ton vehicles to cross the bridge. Therefore, cargo vehicles have experienced transportation difficulties in the rainy season.

Wastewater treatment plant at Monywa Industrial Zone to be completed by Dec

MACHINES are being installed at the wastewater treatment plant in the Monywa industrial zone, and construction of the facility is expected to be completed in December, said U Wai Tin, the chairman of the Monywa Industrial Zone Committee.

The wastewater treatment plant is being built with the assistance of the Denmark Responsible Business Fund (RBF). The plant will recycle wastewater discharged from 17 factories in the industrial zone.

“Construction of the plant is estimated to cost K1,500 million. And, the RBF has agreed to pay 50 per cent of the total cost of the project. When we entered into a contract with the RBF team, the company had agreed to pay another K20 million to construct the plant, businessman Shwe Htoo Oo, said U Wai Tin. The plant will be operated in three shifts. Training courses will also be conducted for employees.

“The construction of the bridge is expected to be completed in three years in Chin State. The new Maniriver Crossing Bridge will be constructed in 2019-2020 fiscal year.

PHOTO: ZO HAY HSAR

Wastewater treatment plant project seen in the industrial zone in Monywa. PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)
Domestic gold price reaches K1.22 mln; global gold pegged at $1,492

By Nyein Nyein

THE price of gold in the domestic market has touched K1.22 million per tical (0.578 ounces or 0.016 kilograms), tracking global gold prices, which are currently pegged at US$1,492 per ounce, according to gold traders.

“The price is likely to fall further. It may hit a low of K1.2 million per tical,” said U Ohn Myaing, the general secretary of the Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association (MGEA).

According to gold traders, the lowest price for gold in June was K1,099,000 (1 May) and the highest was K1,149,400 (31 June). In August, gold prices touched the lowest level of K1,142,000 on 1 August and the highest level of K1,260,500 on 29 August. Last month, the prices moved in the range of K1,223,800 (14 September) and K1,307,000 (5 September).

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Imported green garden peas hits farmers, mills in Mandalay

U Soe Win Myint

Those peas coming from foreign countries need to be tested to ensure they are suitable for health.

Local green garden peas are grown in Sagaing Region, Ayeyawady delta areas, Kachin State and in Shan State as a winter crop.

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Exports down $131 mln in first three weeks of current fiscal

MYANMAR’s exports between 1 and 18 October in the current fiscal year dropped to US$750 million from US$881.3 million registered in the corresponding period of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

The figure is down by $131 million compared with the year-ago period. Of the seven export groups, agriculture, fisheries, and minerals showed an increase. Meanwhile, the exports of livestock, forest products, finished industrial goods, and other goods declined.

Export values were registered at US$137 million for agro products, $10.27 million for livestock, $47.9 million for fishery products, $209.5 million for minerals, $8.23 million for forest products, $305 million for manufactured goods, and $31.86 million for other goods.

The country’s export sector relies more on the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. While export earnings from the CMP (cut, make, and pack) garment businesses are rising, the country’s reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and jade, is lessening.

The Ministry of Commerce is focusing on export promotion in order to reduce the trade deficit. Since 2011, the Ministry of Commerce has adhered to its reform policy. A series of moves to liberalize and open the economy have been introduced through policy development to improve the trade environment. — Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)
Keeping true to resolve for peace would help build a federal Union

The challenges we are facing today are not because of the NCA, but because of weaknesses in implementing the agreement, following it, and misunderstandings over it.

We hope that all delegates participating in the NCA have understood the importance of keeping their promises on the agreements in the NCA.

A cooperative agreement can address surface problems, but only political dialogues can address underlying grievances. As such the NCA itself is not the ultimate solution to the conflict. But it opens the door to political dialogue towards a federal United Myanmar.

The past 19 years have shown that we cannot achieve peace without a federal United Myanmar which guarantees equality to ethnic people. Only when this nation of the ethnic minorities can move towards peace, which can help resolve conflicts.

On the second day, the train stopped at Busan, a large port city of South Korea and the place to host ASEAN-Korea Summit in November 2019. The tour of Busan highlighted the tangible benefits of economic partnership between ASEAN and South Korea. Numerous visitors travelling between ASEAN and ROK reached record figure of 11 million in 2018. The ASEAN is ROK’s second largest trading partner in the world with two-way trade volume reaching 138 billion USD in ten countries. ROK’s investments have brought employment opportunities, knowledge and skills into the country, and this could create a better socio-economic situation for Myanmar people.

Once the journey ended, we visited the Asian Culture Center (ACC) in Gyeongju city. This city is considered to be the heart of Korea’s culture and arts. The ACC is a Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism-affiliated institution established for the advancement of mutual understanding and cooperation with all the people of the world. It exhibits an array of traditional and modern culture and art forms from all over Asia.

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The ASEAN-Korea Centre was established on 3 October 2019 to promote ASEAN-Korea people-to-people relations, mutual understanding, and cooperation in all fields.

Through my participation in the ASEAN-Korea Centre Program, I now have a better understanding of the world’s five major coastal wetlands – an idea that with natural beauty and encompassing landscapes. The ROK government’s efforts to create the environment was quite impressive. I thought about how Myanmar could improve the conservation efforts of the lake in Shan State.

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Japan court rules July election vote gap constitutional

KANAZAWA — A Japanese court ruled Tuesday that the July upper house election was constitutional, tolerating a disparity of up to 3.00 times in the weight of a single vote between the most and least populated constituencies.

The ruling, by the Kanazawa branch of the Nagoya High Court, is the fourth handed down on suits filed by two groups of lawyers with 14 high courts and their branches across Japan over the July 21 House of Councillors election.

The rulings so far have been divided. While the Sendai High Court’s Akita branch similarly ruled the vote gap constitutional last Friday, the Takamatsu High Court on Oct. 16 and the Sapporo High Court on Thursday both declared it to be in a “state of unconstitutionality.”

During the trial, three plaintiffs from Toyama, Ishikawa and Fukui prefectures claimed efforts to narrow the gap with a revision of the election law that added six seats to the chamber and redrew constituencies were “insufficient.” The election boards of the three prefectures argued the disparity was “not extremely unequal.”

The plaintiffs immediately appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS ■

Six Cambodians held as hopes fade for missing British tourist

KOH KONG — Six Cambodians held as hopes fade of finding her alive.

A British tourist who went missing on an island in Sihanoukville province on 29 October, 2019.

Cambodian soldiers and divers leave on a rubber boat from Koh Rong island to search for missing British tourist Amelia Bambridge off the island in Sihanouville province on 29 October, 2019. PHOTO: AFP ■

Strong quake kills one in south Philippines

MANILA — A 6.6-magnitude quake struck the southern Philippines Tuesday, geologists said, killing a boy fleeing his schoolroom, cracking buildings and injuring many in a region still reeling from a previous deadly tremor.

Terrified locals ran into the streets after the shallow quake, which hit the island of Mindanao as schools and offices opened for the day.

The shaking lasted up to a minute in some areas, damaging homes, multi-storey buildings and classrooms in a region where hundreds are still displaced by a quake that killed at least five earlier this month.

The Philippines suffers regular tremors as part of the Pacific “Ring of Fire”, an arc of intense seismic activity that stretches from Japan through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin.

A teenage boy was crushed by a falling wall as he tried to escape his school in Magaysay, the town spokesman told AFP. Though other students were injured in “stampede” to escape the building, they survived.

Locals were awed by the power of the quake, which was shallow and thus potentially more destructive.

“Buildings were not just moving, they were swaying,” Gadi Sorilla, a doctor at a hospital in Talunan, a town about 35km from the epicentre told AFP. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS ■

Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong says barred from election

HONG KONG — Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong said Tuesday he had been barred from standing in an upcoming local election, after months of protests in the city.

“I strongly condemn the government for conducting political screening and censorship, depriving me of my political rights,” he said in a statement on his Facebook page. Wong said he was disqualified from running in November’s poll after an election officer ruled his nomination invalid.

In response to media enquiries, a government spokesman said Wong’s nomination was declared invalid as he advocates “self-determination” for Hong Kong, which is inconsistent with the Basic Law, the city’s mini-constitution.

“The candidate cannot possibly comply with the requirements of the relevant electoral laws,” the spokesman added. Hong Kong has been battered by nearly five months of huge and frequently violent pro-democracy protests which Beijing and its local leaders have taken a hard line against.

Millions have hit the streets, with hardcore activists clashing repeatedly with police, in the biggest challenge to China’s rule since the city’s handover from Britain in 1997. ■

A lawyer speaks to the press in Kanazawa on 29 October, 2019, after the Kanazawa branch of the Nagoya High Court ruled the same day that the July upper house election was constitutional, tolerating a disparity of up to 3.00 times in the weight of a single vote between the most and least populated constituencies. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS ■
Argentina’s Grossi elected head of UN’s nuclear watchdog

VIENNA — Argentina’s Rafael Grossi was elected on Tuesday to head the UN’s nuclear watchdog, which is tasked in particular with monitoring the implementation of the increasingly shaky Iran nuclear deal.

Grossi beat Romanian diplomat Cornel Feruta to become director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) following the death of the former head Yukiya Amano of Japan in July.

The election of Grossi, Argentina’s ambassador to the IAEA, comes at a critical time for the Vienna-based agency as Iran is decreasing its commitments under the 2015 landmark deal.

US President Donald Trump last year withdrew from the agreement and proceeded to re-introduce sanctions, leaving Iran to press the remaining signatories to hold up economic benefits in return for its nuclear programme cutbacks.

Grossi received 24 votes to Feruta’s 10 from the IAEA’s 35-member Board of Governors in the third official round of voting, reaching the two-thirds majority needed to become the new director general, according to a diplomatic source.

“With Rafael Grossi securing a qualified majority in the board of governors, IAEA has taken a decisive step towards electing its director general,” Xavier Sticker, the French ambassador to the United Nations in Vienna, said on Twitter.

An IAEA general conference is expected to approve the board’s choice.

Feruta had been the organisation’s acting director general since the death of Amano, who had led the agency since 2009.

UK set for third election in four years to try to break Brexit gridlock

LONDON — Britain looked set Tuesday for a pre-Christmas election after the main opposition Labour party backed Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s push for an early vote to try to overcome the lengthening political deadlock caused by Brexit.

Conservative leader Johnson — overseeing a minority government — is trying to lead Britain out of the deep crisis engulfing its EU departure that was meant to take place this Thursday.

But unable to get parliamentary support for his divorce deal with Brussels, he was forced to abandon his “do-or-die” pledge to leave the bloc on schedule, and has begrudgingly accepted another extension until the end of January.

Britain’s inability to break its half-century bond with the EU has halted costly “no-deal” exit preparations and reportedly sent fresh minted 50-pence commemorative Brexit coins melted down.

General elections have been held twice in the last four years — in 2015 and 2017. The next is not scheduled to happen until 2022.

But Johnson has been trying to secure an early vote to try to win a majority to allow him to push through legislation to enact Brexit.

His third attempt to get parliament to agree to dishand early and hold a general election on December 12 ended in failure on Monday after he fell well short of the required support of two-thirds of MPs. —AFP

Sadako Ogata, first female UN refugee chief, dies at 92

TOKYO — Japan’s Sadako Ogata, the first woman appointed to head the UN’s refugee agency UNHCR, has died at the age of 92, Japan’s foreign aid agency said Tuesday.

Ogata was widely respected for her efforts to help refugees and internally displaced people around the world and emphasised making visits to conflict zones during her tenure from 1991-2000.

She worked to help Kurdish refugees from Iraq after the Gulf War and was also known for tackling the refugee crises in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

She was credited with reestablishing UNHCR’s credibility and was even touted as a potential successor to former UN chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

A petite woman with a calm demeanour, she won special praise for her tough action in former Yugoslavia where she managed to draw the world’s attention to humanitarian issues despite bitter political disputes among Western countries.

She also served as the head of her country’s development aid organisation Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from 2003 through 2012.

She was known as a passionate advocate for the rights of refugees, urging “understanding and compassion” for their plight. —AFP

Damascus, Ankara in first border zone clash: monitor

BEIRUT — Syrian government forces and the Turkish military clashed on Tuesday for the first time since Ankara launched an offensive in northeastern Syria three weeks ago, a war monitor said.

“Heavy fighting erupted for the first time between the Syrian and Turkish armies,” the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported.

The Britain-based monitoring group said artillery and machinegun fire was exchanged near the village of Assadiya, south of the border town of Ras al-Ain.

At least six Syrian soldiers were wounded in the fighting, the Observatory said.

The Turkish military and its Syrian proxies attacked Kurdish forces in northeastern Syria on October 9 with the aim of creating a roughly 30-kilometre (20-mile) deep buffer zone.

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Turkey subsequently reached a deal with the Syrian government’s main backer Russia for Kurdish forces to pull back from the entire border area. —AFP

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The International Investment Bank (IIB) officially completed the move of its headquarters to Budapest last month.

But concerns persist that it is a vehicle for extending Russian political influence in Central Europe, and potentially for intelligence-gathering.

Hungarian opposition politicians have described the bank as a “national security threat” and a “nest of spies.”

And in September, nine US senators and two Members of Congress set out their concerns in a letter to Washington’s ambassador in Budapest. The bank “is widely seen as an arm of the Russian secret service,” they wrote.

Major shareholder

Founded in 1970 by the Soviet Union to foster links within the communist bloc, the IIB is registered as an official Russian state organ.

Filled as a version of the London-based European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EIBRD), albeit smaller, the bank distributes loans to firms and projects in member countries. —AFP

NTT Doocomo to discontinue decades-old i-mode internet service in 2026

TOKYO — NTT Doocomo Inc. said Tuesday it will stop services of i-mode, an internet-capable mobile phone system introduced in 1999, at the end of March 2026 due to the dwindling number of users.

As the world’s first mobile internet service at the time of launch, the i-mode allowed cell phone users to access the internet for emailing, web browsing, payments and shopping on specially-formatted websites.

It quickly became popular in Japan, providing access to a wide variety of services, including news, weather forecasts and ticket reservations, while making picture characters known as emoji a popular element of texting.

“Given the decline in the number of contracts and the allocation of more corporate resources to 5G (next-generation wireless networks), we have decided to end (i-mode) services,” NTT Doocomo announced in a statement.

Since the service started in February 1999, domestic subscribers to i-mode topped 40 million in 2003 and peaked at 49 million in July 2010.

NTT Doocomo aimed to export the technology overseas, but only managed a limited introduction in parts of Europe, partly because there were not many i-mode capable handsets available from major manufacturers, and the service was based on a closed system, which was not many i-mode capable handsets available from major manufacturers, and the service was based on a closed system, which

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The parent company of All Nippon Airways Co. cut its consolidated net profit outlook for the current business year to 94 billion yen ($860 million) from the 108 billion yen initially projected in April.

Japan’s largest airline group in terms of passenger numbers also said group operating profit is expected to fall to 140 billion yen from its previous forecast of 165 billion yen, on sales of 2.09 trillion yen against 2.15 trillion yen earlier projected.

In the first half of the business year, ANA posted group net profit of 56.79 billion yen, down 23.0 per cent from a year earlier, and a 25.0 per cent decline in consolidated operating profit to 78.88 billion yen, while sales increased 1.7 per cent to a record 1.06 trillion yen. —Kyodo News

Airbus A220s ordered to slow down over engine incidents

PARIS — The Airbus A220 should no longer use full power at high altitudes, Canadian and European air safety regulators have announced following several incidents with their engines, including one in which pieces came off in-flight.

In an emergency airworthiness directive issued over the weekend by Transport Canada and also transmitted by the EU’s Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) on Monday, airlines operating the aircraft are ordered to not exceed 94 percent of maximum output, while above 20,000 feet.

The statement said the directive was issued following “several occurrences of engine in-flight shutdowns” with A220s operated by Air Canada, but there have also been several incidents with flights operated by Lufthansa’s subsidiary Swiss.

During one Swiss flight parts of the engine fell over France, and following incidents in September and October the airline halted all flights with the aircraft until they could be inspected.

The aircraft was designed and originally built by Canada’s Bombardier; but had it difficulty gaining enough orders. It was subsequently bought out by Airbus, which has succeeded in getting airlines to place more orders for the aircraft, which offers similar fuel savings to the A320neo series but is somewhat smaller.—AFP

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M.V XETHA BHUM VOY. NO. (1127E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V XETHA BHUM VOY. NO. (1127E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-10-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T 5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Global leaders, tycoons attend Saudi ‘Davos in desert’

RIYADH — Top finance moguls and political leaders attended a Davos-style Saudi investment summit on Tuesday, in stark contrast to last year when outrage over critic Jamal Khasshoggi’s murder sparked a mass boycott.

Organisers say 300 speakers from over 30 countries, including American officials and heads of global banks and major sovereign wealth funds, are attending the three-day Future Investment Initiative (FII), nicknamed “Davos in the desert”.

“A strong turnout at the annual conference, aimed at projecting the insular kingdom as a dynamic investment destination, will help repair the damage to crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s global image that was tainted by Khasshoggi’s killing last October. “I have been coming to Saudi Arabia for 20 years but what I have been seeing particularly in the past two or three years is (economic) transformation,” Indian tycoon Mukesh Ambani told the conference, lauding the kingdom’s leaders.

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Pound recovers with UK set for general election

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Traders were looking ahead also to a meeting of the Federal Reserve that was expected to end with the US central bank announcing interest-rate cut on Wednesday.

“Bulls have finally escaped the selling pressure and pushed sterling higher on the back of the news that Labour is finally back on the chopping block again,” commented Aseem Ahluwalia, chief market analyst at ThinkMarkets. — AFP
By Kyaw Htike Soe

Myanmar sets $1 billion aquaculture export target

Fish and shrimp production industry is the second prioritized business after agriculture sector in Myanmar. The fishery sector provides direct employment to more than 3.5 million people. Myanmar’s fishery sector has been the fourth largest contributor to the country’s GDP and the fourth largest source of foreign earnings in the past five years.

The Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation set a record for foreign income from fisheries exports over a period of ten years.

The department is also making concerted efforts to fetch US$1 billion in conjunction with respective organizations and entrepreneurs in the current financial year. Myanmar also had set an export earnings target of $2 billion next fiscal year, according to an official from the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF).

Export earnings from the fishery sector during the period from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019 amounted to around $730 million. The MFF is trying to establish fish and prawn farming zones in cooperation with region and states governments while inviting foreign entrepreneurs to invest in the country’s fishery industry.

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The export volume and revenue from exporting fishery products have increased when compared to last year, he added. Despite an increase in terms of the export volume and income, Myanmar’s fishery sector still cannot keep abreast of the neighbouring countries. Fish, prawns and crabs are required to meet set standards for better quality and size in foreign markets.

At the same time, authorities are making efforts to conserve fishery resources as well as ensure sustainable development in the country’s fishery sector.

The Southeast Asian country also exports prawns, crabs, squid, shrimp, dried shrimp, and dried fish to its neighbours such as Thailand and China through its border trade gates.

Myanmar was allowed to export its farmed fish, prawn, and crabs to the EU countries since 1 December last year, he said. Earlier this year, only fish caught in the wild were allowed to be exported to the EU.

The department is closely working with the fish breeders, processors and exporters to ensure Myanmar marine products meet the rules and regulations of importing countries. Saudi Arabia has suspended temporary fishing imports from Myanmar since 31 March 2018 after bacteria was found on the same fish species imported from Vietnam.

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Myanmar officials and Saudi authorities over the ban on fish imports from Myanmar resulted in resuming the fish and prawn export to the Middle Eastern kingdom, he added. Myanma mainly exported Rohu fish to Saudi Arabia but the estimated loss due to the ban on fish products from the Southeast Asian country was over $30 million, he said.

Myanmar ships farmed fish to Saudi Arabia, accounting for 30 per cent of its fishery exports and about 40 per cent of rohu exports. Myanmar’s fish products have been exported to over 40 countries worldwide for the last 10 years. Now Myanmar’s marine products mainly go to more than 40 countries including the European Union, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, Thailand, Singapore and United States due to modern packaging, high quality of the goods and the market expansion.

There are around 248,000 acres of fish farms and 240,000 prawn farms throughout the country. Myanmar shipped 340,000 tons of marine products worth $530 million in the 2013-2014 fiscal year, transported 330,000 tons of fishery products valued at $480 million in the financial year 2014-2015, and freighted 360,000 tons of fishery products worth $500 million in the 2015-2016 FY.

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Workers at a fish factory preparing fish for export.
Yathedaung team wins 2019 MPT U-14 Football Tournament (Rakhine State)

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu presents the championship trophy to Yathedaung team, the winner of the 2019 MPT U-14 Football Tournament (Rakhine State), at the Wasali football ground in Sittway Township on 29 October. PHOTO: MFF

The best forward player award was received by Han Thein Tun from Yathedaung team, while the best defender award was given to Aung Myo Thant from Yathedaung team. The first runner-up team, Kyaukpyu (A), was awarded individual medals by Rakhine State Development Minister U Kyaw Lwin. They were also presented with K300,000 in cash by Police Brig-Gen Myo Win.

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